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A SMALL FAVOR ASKED.

Will the judges, members of the State Senate and members of the Lower House who have refused to accept free passes from the different railroad corporations in the State be so kind as to drop us a postal card to that effect? We would appreciate this little act of kindness very much.

In response to the above the following members of the Legislature and Senate have gone on record as having refused railroad passes:

B. A. Wellons, Johnston county; J. D. Parker, Perquimans county; E. C. Beddingfield, Wake county; M. J. Ham, Wayne county; John Norwood, Orange county.

DO ANY OF THEM HOLD TWO OFFICES?

SOME time ago it was reported that a number of gentlemen were holding two or more positions of trust and profit under our State Government.

At a meeting of Wake County Alliance a resolution was passed requesting THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER to investigate the matter. A letter was addressed to Governor Fowle asking permission to use his books so there could not possibly be any mistake made. Gov. Fowle promptly wrote a letter saying that he would cheerfully give access to any one for an examination of the records in his office.

A representative of the paper has visited the office and was politely received by the Governor and his secretary. We have gone over the records and will publish the names of the gentlemen who have been appointed by the Governor and those elected by the legislature. In this way the whole matter will be placed before the public, and if there is anything in conflict with our State Constitution, then it is the duty of every good citizen to point out whatever errors he may find.

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The salary of the President, Vice-

President and each of the Penitentiary Directors is \$500 per annum.

So far as we could see there are no persons appointed by the Governor who now hold more than one position of profit on the list. All the members of the legislature and Senate who have been appointed have resigned. Their resignations are in the Governor's office. Some of the names appearing in the list of the Board of Trustees of the A. & M. College are or have been members of the legislature. The names of Mr. W. R. Williams, A. Leazar, Esq., and Col. W. R. Wharton and perhaps others appear on both the State Board of Agriculture and Trustees of the A. & M. College. But these are elected by the legislature and the question has been raised whether or not a Trustee of the A. & M. College would be considered a position of profit, as it is understood that the Trustees are only paid expenses and do not receive any salary.

The Board of Trustees of the State University are elected by the legislature. The list of names is so long that we hardly think it necessary to publish the entire list from the fact that it is not a position of profit.

State Treasurer, Hon. William L. Sanders, is Secretary and Treasurer of the Trustees. Hon. J. C. Scarborough, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is one of the Trustees. We also find the names of Hon. S. M. Finger, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Judge A. C. Avery, L. S. Overman, C. B. Aycock, Lieutenant-Governor Col. T. M. Holt, A. Leazar, Esq., and other gentlemen who are either State officers, members of the Board of Agriculture, or of the Trustees of the A. & M. College. But as the Trustees of the University are only entitled to expenses going and coming and expense of board while on business for the University, their position cannot be one of profit. Hence we only mention a few names.

We have not been able to find any parties holding two places of profit though a number hold places as trustees and members of the different boards.

The names are before you and we will be glad for anybody to inform us by letter or otherwise if they find that we have overlooked any persons who may hold two or more positions of profit in the State. We will promptly investigate the matter and if they were appointed by the Governor or elected by the legislature or any other authority, we promise that proper attention shall be given promptly.

HOW IS THIS?

THE Atlanta correspondent of the Columbus Sun, in a letter to that paper bearing date of the 15th inst. in reference to the candidacy of Mr. Hardeman against Bro. W. J. Norther for Governor, says: "It makes the issue Democracy and the Alliance, and he (Hardeman) is the man of all men to win on that issue."

Is it possible that this correspondent in this declaration voices the sentiment or feeling of any respectable number of Georgia Democrats? Is it true that Mr. Hardeman and his adherents are to array themselves under a party flag as Democrats and will fight Mr. Norther and his 80,000 Alliance brethren—all Democrats—as enemies? Will that party declare war on the Alliance? Of whom is that party largely composed in Georgia? Are they not Alliance men? We notice that leading papers of both the Democratic and Republican parties and some of the so-called leaders are doing all in their power to place these parties in antagonism to their Alliance members. But is it true that this policy has any respectable following in either of the parties?

"The issue in Georgia is Democracy and the Alliance!" Does Mr. Norther and his friends so understand it? Have self-constituted leaders gone mad? We shall see.

THE ALLIANCE RALLY.

THE Alliance Rally at Greensboro on the 24th and 25th of July, promises to be one of the grandest events in the history of our order in this State. Many prominent speakers from this and other States will be present. The railroads will give very low rates so that people can come from a distance at comparatively a small expense.

Dr. W. C. Benbow, of Greensboro, writes that Guilford County Alliance has appointed one man on the committee for the Alliance rally from each Sub-Alliance in the county. A central committee consisting of the following gentlemen has been appointed: W. H. Snow, J. Van Lindley and Dr. W. C. Benbow. The Board of Trade of Greensboro has appointed a committee of three to render any aid to the central committee that is necessary. Everything possible will be done to make it what it should be. It is likely that it will be the largest gathering of farmers ever held in this State and it is to be hoped that it will be a profitable one. The State Executive Committee are earnestly requested to aid all they can. The matter should be discussed in every Subordinate and County Alliance at all meetings between now and the date of the rally. Let's have a grand time.

THE LAWYER IN POLITICS!

A NUMBER of cards containing six demands by the Alliance of this State have been sent out by the State Secretary to be presented to the aspirants for Congressional honors to sign or reject. On last Wednesday Mr. L. M. McAllister, Secretary of Mecklenburg County Alliance, presented one of these cards to Col. H. C. Jones, the lawyer candidate in Mecklenburg. Col. Jones refused to sign the card and gave his reasons in a letter to Mr. McAllister. The Chronicle of Thursday morning published the demands and the letter written by Col. Jones. The Chronicle evidently thinks it struck a bonanza, for it gives the article under big head lines, which start as follows: "The Alliance in Politics." We are inclined to think it should have been the "Lawyers in Politics." So far as we know, only one farmer has been brought forward for Congress in the Sixth district. The pot is just now ready to boil, and our understanding is that there are seven lawyer candidates in the field. So the lawyer must be in politics pretty extensively.

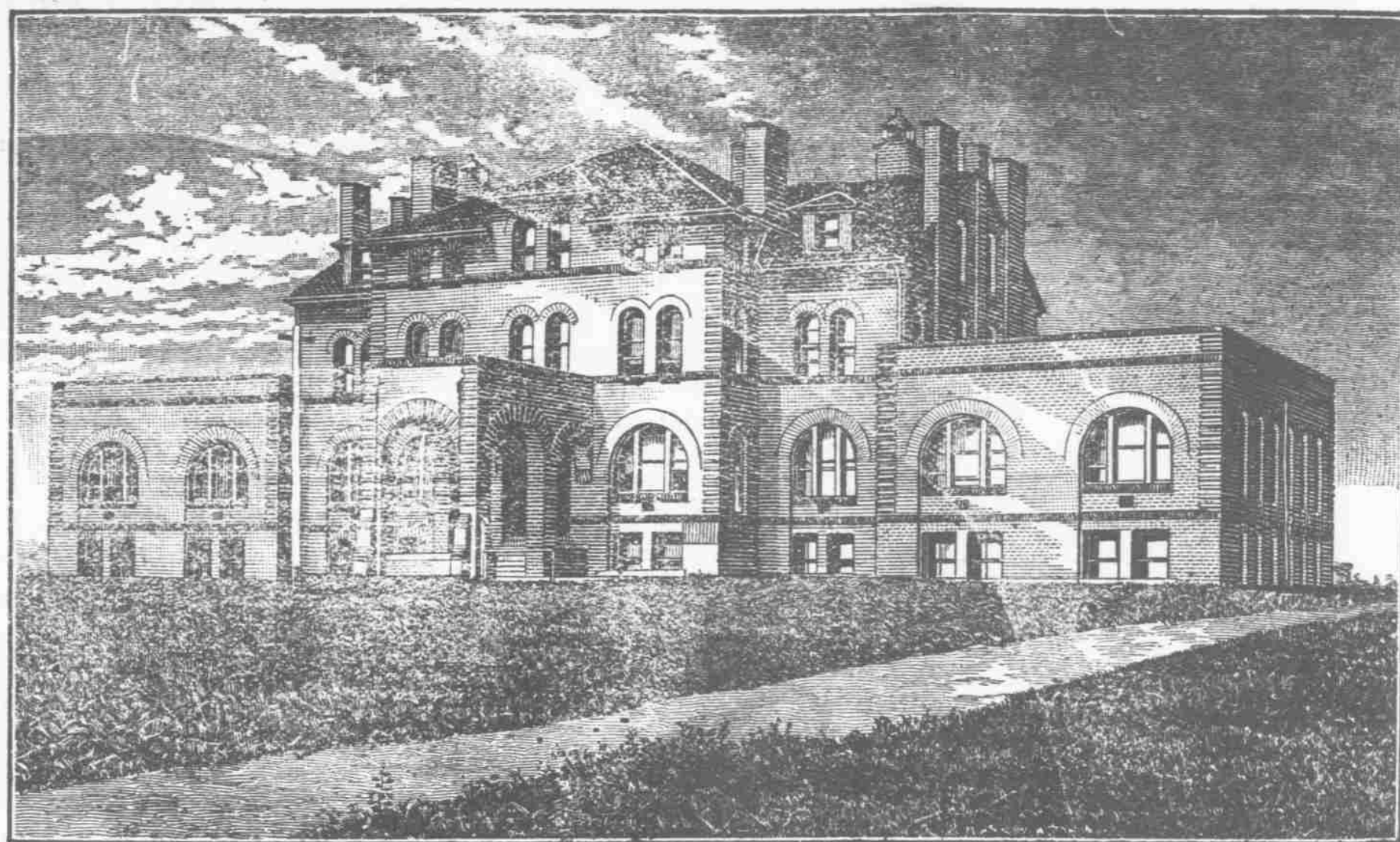
This paper has shown that other classes have been more largely represented in Congress than have the farmers, and we have proven conclusively that it is unfair, and that there must be a change. But we have never said that all lawyers or other professional men are unfit to be representatives of the people. On the contrary, many of the wisest and best representatives we have ever had have belonged to the legal fraternity. But notwithstanding we have many honorable lawyers in the country, we have to day in the American Congress some of the meanest rascals unhung.

The farmers of the Sixth district feel that they want a change; they want a farmer with good sense, honesty and conservatism, a man who will represent them as well as the towns.

Now let us see if the farmers of the Sixth district have good reasons for wanting a change. The American Senate consists of 82 members. Sixty-nine of them are lawyers. Two are merchants and the remainder are bankers, railroad men and speculators, except Senator Casey of North Dakota. The farmers have one man in the Senate to look after their interests. Is it any wonder that the American Senate has not done one thing for the farmers of this country since the war? But it has done a great deal against their best interests. In Congress we have 335 members. Two hundred and thirty-one are lawyers, twenty-eight are merchants and thirteen are farmers, one physician, one school teacher, one surveyor, three preachers and eight editors; the other fifty-two are connected with banks and railroads, as are many of the lawyers. Of the sixty-nine lawyers in the Senate, a large per cent. are interested in banks and railroads. Forty-two of the eighty-two Senators are millionaires. So the millions of farmers in this country have 14 representatives out of 417. Of the total number of national legislators, 300 are lawyers. Now that does not prove conclusively that we have no lawyers who will represent the people, but the state of affairs now existing does prove that those we have trusted have failed to fulfill the promises made by themselves and the parties they represent. Our Southern members have rode into power and have held their places by promising to abolish the revenue and modify the tariff. Many of them are old fossils. In the North such men as Ingalls and Sherman have rode into power and have kept their places by arousing bitterness and sectional feeling and by fooling the people into the belief that a high protective tariff will finally make them all prosperous and happy. We have been paying 417 men from \$5,000 to \$8,000 per annum and they have put in a good portion of the time wrangling over things that have been an injury to the entire country. The legislation nearly all has been in favor of the few who would pay for it. That is why 42 of the Senators are millionaires. In a word we have one lawyer in the National Congress to every 213 lawyers. We have one farmer in Congress to every 590,000 farmers. Take the case, gentlemen.

Now be it understood that we do not claim that there are no lawyers in the Sixth district, worthy of support. What we say will apply to any district in this or any State where the farmers feel that they want a Congressman. We don't advocate the nomination of unworthy farmers for any office. We want and need farmers like Washington, Madison, Jackson and Jefferson—farmers who will work for good for farmers and at the same time not pull down other people. The Sixth district has them. Every district has them.

Now a few words about the mode of warfare by the politicians in the Sixth district. The Mecklenburg Times came out for Alexander for Congress several months ago. The Concord Standard and Times endorsed him without fear or favor and they deserve great praise for it. But where are the other papers in the district? So far as we know, not one of them have opened their mouths. Notwithstanding the fact that they get their bread from the tillers of the



MAIN BUILDING OF THE N. C. AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE.

soil, they could not swallow a farmer for Congress. What have a great many other papers in the State done? Many of them have jumped away over in the Sixth district to help down the farmer candidate.

Three weeks ago Cabarrus held her primaries. She covered herself with glory by doing what her people had agreed to do. Col. Means, a prominent lawyer, received 262 votes and Alexander 702. But even after all of this the Charlotte Chronicle tried to create the impression that the farmers had no candidate.

Things began to look squally and the wise men put their heads together. They said: "Behold the farmers are about to nominate an honest man. We will go forth throughout the land known as the 'shoe string district' and bring about a mighty combination of lawyers with which to crush the 'hay seeders,' and it was even so. Concerning this the Concord Times of a recent date used the following language:

"The Times has every reason to believe that a strong combination is being formed in this district for the purpose of defeating Capt. S. B. Alexander, the friend and choice of the farmers for the congressional nomination."

"The Politicians are determined that no farmer shall go to Congress, and they are making desperate efforts to prevent the nomination of Capt. Alexander."

"There are now no less than seven candidates for the nomination. The plan is to bring out from each county a candidate who can carry his own county, so as to get the thing in a muddle, and by twisting and tangling to ultimately leave Capt. Alexander, who is undoubtedly the choice of the people of the district, out in the cold."

Now can't the farmers of the Sixth district get up a trust? Why not bring out a farmer candidate or two in every district; let them divide the strength and get the votes of their uncles and aunts and cousins. Then when the convention comes off take a ballot or two and see who is the strongest man, nominate him and give the defeated candidates a lemonade and send them home rejoicing. The farmers are imitative. In dealing with tricksters the farmers may get up pretty well in the "trick" business, too.

Now a word about Col. Jones. He says that less than one third of the farmers in that district belong to the Alliance. That is incorrect. Nearly all of the intelligent farmers of the district are members of the order. The few intelligent ones who do not are in sympathy with it. Hence the Alliance represents the wishes of a majority of the good people of the district. The district is largely agricultural. Wilmington and Charlotte are two of the largest cities in the State, but the other towns in the district are small. Col. Jones is opposed to the Sub Treasury plan and the demands of the State Alliance. These demands were ratified by a majority of the Alliance men in the district. Now what are they going to do about it? Our opinion is that Col. Jones is not entitled to the support of Alliance men because he opposes our measures. Some of the other lawyers may favor them, but we have shown that we have too many lawyers already. We know that the farmers of grand old Mecklenburg, the birthplace of independence, will do their duty. Cabarrus is solid, and we will remark right here that Cabarrus is an average county, and when she piled up nearly three votes for a farmer to one for a lawyer, it looks like the Alliance controls more than one third of the farmers in that county. Col. Jones is pulling at the wrong end. It is two thirds Alliance and one third something else in the district. Union, Stanly, Anson, Richmond and the other counties along there will no doubt show their pluck at the proper time and vote for some good farmer. Robeson is Mr. Rowland's home. The farmers there may or may not sit down on him. But from the way Cabarrus has done, and the tricks that have been put up, it is very likely. Mr. Row-

land has not, to our knowledge, ever raised his voice in behalf of the Sub Treasury bill. Brunswick and New Hanover may feel grateful to Mr. Rowland for the appropriations he has got for Wilmington. But whose money was it? That \$350,000 belonged to you and I, dear reader. It was forced from us and could easily be appropriated. The tricksters and everybody admit that the prosperity of the farmers is their prosperity. If a farmer Congressman will legislate for the farmers, all ought to be satisfied. We believe that a farmer will go from the Sixth district. If the lawyer candidates are not better than the methods now being used to secure their nomination, their election would be a calamity.

Farmers and all other people in the Sixth district, now is your time to show your hand. If you want a good farmer in Congress, you can, by united action, put him there. If you do not, you may expect to toil on and grow poorer every year. Take your choice. The above will apply to every district in the United States.

UNFAITHFUL SERVANTS.

MESSRS. Carlisle, Oates, Berry, Culbertson, Hooker, Mills, Herbert, Reagan and Cooke all say they are opposed to the Sub Treasury bill. Gentlemen, please stand up. The people whose public servants you are and whose best interests you promise to serve, desire to ask you some questions:

Do you admit that the great agricultural interests of this country are suffering from unjust and discriminating legislation?

All with one voice—"Yes, we freely admit it."

Do you not know that some measure for their relief should be enacted by Congress?

All with one voice—"Yes, we all know it."

You say the Sub Treasury bill will not give us the relief that is so greatly needed, will you tell us what you have proposed as a substitute for that bill?

All with one voice—"Nothing."

Then the people became wrathful and lifted up their united voice which was as the sound of mighty waters, and said: Woe unto you, unfaithful and full of false promises, we, the people, will visit our wrath upon you at the ballot box for this wicked thing thou hast done.

THE FREE PASS INDUSTRY.

WE publish the list of names that have been sent in up to this time in this issue. So far only members of the legislature have written us. We will wait patiently for others. North Carolina needs and must have a railroad commission, and the free pass business must be put down. Legislators and judges may not be influenced by passes, but they should be paid for their work so they can pay their railroad fare like other people have to do. Editors who hold passes pay two or three times over what their railroad fare would cost them in a year in advertising for the roads. The right way would be for everybody from President down to pay their fare. Then suspicion could rest on no one. We will publish the vote on the railroad commission at an early date. The people can then see who are worthy of their trust.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

** It is thought that the State Alliance will be organized in Pennsylvania in a few weeks.

** We have good authority for saying that the rumor that Senator Vance would oppose the Sub Treasury plan is untrue. He makes an emphatic denial.

** One of our State exchanges says that Col. Rowland drew the order for an addition of \$150,000 for the "city by the sea" a few days ago. The Colonel no doubt is trying to get thoroughly solid with the people of that end of his district. That is all right. But we would like to hear of

our Congressmen doing something besides getting appropriations for this or that purpose. The Colonel has already got \$350,000 for Wilmington. Has he ever got anything for the farmers of the sixth district?

** Bro. Barbee, President of the Alliance in Virginia, will organize West Virginia, on the 13th of August, at Charleston. He will be assisted by Bro. J. H. Turner, National Secretary.

** THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is getting in its work a good ways from home. This week we start a paper to Mr. William A. Johnston, care of The Retira Gold Placer Manufacturing Co., Honduras, Juticalpha, Central America.

** A farmer informs the Greenville Reflector that he cured a pig of cholera by digging a hole in the ground and tying the pigs feet together and covering it up with dirt, except its mouth. He says his pig was cured by this process in one night.

** Bro. M. J. Ham, of Goldsboro, writes that he was a member of the last General Assembly from Wayne county and that he did not accept any railroad pass, though a pass was offered him several times. Bro. Ham has our thanks for a club of two subscribers.

** A movement has been put on foot at Cumberland Gap, Va., to erect a colossal equestrian statue of Gen. Grant and Gen. Lee, the former looking to the South and the latter to the North, their hands extending to each other. Fourteen thousand dollars has already been raised for the purpose.

** Mr. Jno. E. Ray, Superintendent of the Institute for the Mute and Blind, at Colorado Springs, Colorado, give us a call last Thursday. Mr. Ray is a native of Wake county and at one time was a teacher in the N. Deaf and Blind Institution. He has been visiting relatives and friends in this county and city for some days and will go to the Buffalo Lithia Springs, in Virginia to spend some weeks. He and his wife are both in feeble health and we trust that their stay at the Springs will prove beneficial.

** Missouri Democratic Convention nominated James B. Wolf for Supreme Court Judge; L. E. Galt for Superintendent of Public Instruction and H. W. Hickman for Railroad Commissioner. The "city men" had promised that they would defeat the aims of the Alliance, but Wolf and Hickman were Alliance men and Galt was the farmers' candidate for Judge. Some more of those who are bucking against the Alliance may look for a soft place to fall. The Missouri Convention declared in favor of free silver and more money.

** Iredell people like to come to Raleigh. Mr. J. F. Dotson was here a few days ago. He is traveling for a reaper and binder factory. Mr. J. P. Caldwell, of the Statesville Landmark, met with the other members of the Democratic Executive Committee a few days ago in this city. Last week Mr. A. Leazar, of Mooresville came to attend the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, and Mr. J. B. Holman, of Cool Springs, was here helping the other members of the Railroad Committee. Our latch string hangs out for all who come.

Bro. A. B. Lewis, Secretary of Gum Neck Alliance, No. 1,824, Tyrrell county, writes that they elected officers at their last regular meeting; that they endorse Alliance principles and expect to carry them out. They now have 150 members and meet every Saturday. They are going to have a big picnic on Friday, July 11th, and have good speakers and a host of the faithful. He further says that Mr. A. A. Combs, who has been postmaster at Gum Neck for several years, has disappeared and left four small children unprotected. The affairs of the postoffice are in good condition and no one can account for the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Combs.